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During the luncheon he commented "I'm not the heavyweight champion of the world because of my doing. God chose me. So if anyone wants to ask me about anything, or have me sign an autograph, don't be afraid to ask me. I'm human."

Holmes is a religious man who values his family and the quiet lifetyle of his Easton home. He told *The Times* that his wife, Diane is expecting a child "any day now so I won't be traveling too far from home until it happens."

Like any nervous father-to-be, he impatiently had to call home on his car phone to check on his wife's condition. This was about 15 minutes before the Pioneer Days Parade was scheduled to begin.

Holmes has four daughters and is anxiously awaiting the birth of his new child. He admitted that he would like to have a son for at least one reason. Commenting on his variety of business ventures in Easton, Holmes said "Larry Holmes and Son Enterprises sounds a lot better than just Larry Holmes Enterprises."

Holmes said he expects to fight for "at least another year or so." He said he isn't worried about his place in history. "People who know the sport know where I'll stand. I have a family, friends, money... what else do I need."

Larry Holmes, heavyweight champion of the world, smiles to the crowd as he is driven through Carbondale Saturday. He was grand marshall for the Pioneer Days parade. (Staff Photo by Phil Butler)